A COPY of the Late King James II. HIS LETTER TO THE Convention in Scotland.

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To the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, the Commiſſioners of Shires and Burroughs of Our antient Kingdom of Scotland, *met or to meet at Our good Town of* Edinburgh.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

WHereas We have been informed, that you the *Peers* and *Repreſentatives* of *Shires* and *Burroughs* of that Our antient Kindom, were to meet together at Our good Town of *Edinburgh* ſome time in this Inſtant *March*, by the *Uſurped Authority* of the Prince of *Orange*, We think fit to let you know, that as we have at all times *Relied* upon the *Faithfulneſs* and *Affection* of you Our ancient People. ſo much that in Our greateſt *Misfortunes* heretofore We had Recourſe to your *Aſſiſtance*, and that with good ſucceſs to Our Affairs ; ſo now again We require of you to *ſupport* Our Royal Intereſt, and expecting from you what becomes Loyal and Faithful Subjects, Generous and Honeſt men, that you will neither ſuffer your ſelves to be *cajoled* nor *frightned* into any Action misbecoming true-hearted *Scotsmen* :

men: and that to ſupport the Honour of the Nation, you will contemn the *baſe Example* of diſloyal men, and eternize your Names by a Loyalty ſuitable to the many Profeſſions you have made to Us. In doing whereof, you will chuſe the *ſafeſt part*; ſince thereby you will *evite* the *Danger* you muſt needs undergo, the *Infamy* and *Diſgrace* you muſt bring upon your ſelves in *this World*, and the *Condemnation* due to the *Rebellious* in the *next*; and you will likewiſe have the opportunity to *ſecure* to your ſelves, and your *Poſterity*, the *Gracious Promiſes We have ſo often made of ſecuring your Religions, Laws, Properties, Liberties, and Rights*; which we are *ſtill* reſolved to *perform*, as ſoon as it is poſſible for Us to meet you ſafely in a Parliament in that Our ancient Kingdom.

In the mean time fear not to declare for Us the Lawful Soveraign, who will *not fail* in Our part, to give you ſuch ſpeedy and *powerful Aſſiſtance*, as ſhall not only inable you to defend your ſelves from any Forreign Attempt, but put you in a Condition to aſſert your Right againſt Our Enemies, who have depreſſed the ſame, by the blackeſt of Uſurpations, the moſt Unjuſt, as well as moſt Unnatural of Attempts; which Almighty God may for a time permit, and let the Wicked proſper, yet the End muſt bring *Confuſion* upon ſuch *Workers of Iniquity*. We further let you know, That we will Pardon all ſuch as ſhall Return to their Duty before the laſt Day of this Month incluſive: And that we will puniſh with the rigour of Our Laws, all ſuch as ſhall ſtand out in Rebellion againſt Us, or Our Authority. So not doubting that you will Declare for Us, and Suppreſs whatever may oppoſe Our Intereſt: And that you will ſend ſome of your Number, with an Account of your Diligence, and the Poſture of Our Affairs there, We bid you heartily Farewel.

Given on Board the St. Michael, *the Firſt of* March, 1689; *and of Our Reign the Fifth Year.*

By His Majeſty's Command.

MELFORT.

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